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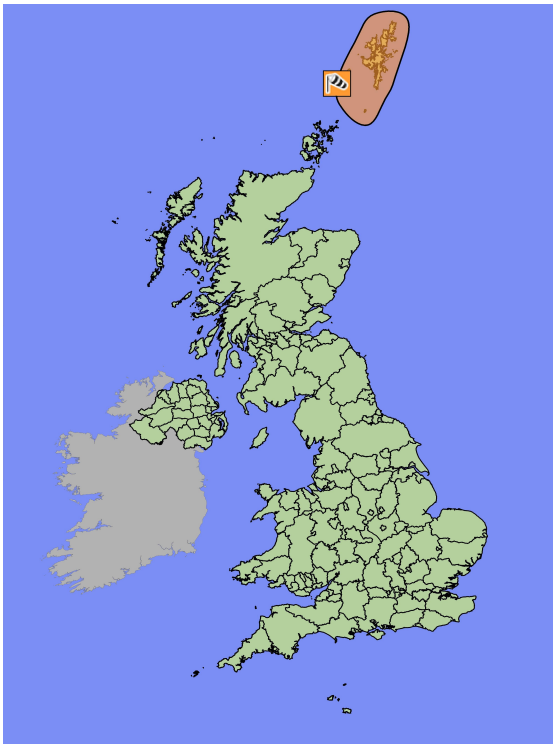

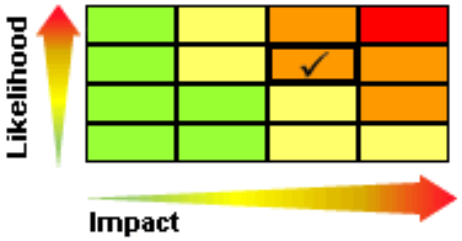

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A series of active frontal systems will push northeastwards across the UK ahead of which very strong southeasterly flow will develop across northeast Scotland. The combination of severe gales, driving rain and large waves have the potential to cause further significant disruption to transport. While confidence is high for very strong winds, the likelihood of significant snow is very uncertain at this stage.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Sun, 23rd Dec 2012** until **14:00 on Sun, 23rd Dec 2012**

Across Shetland and Fair Isle, severe southeast gales are expected to increase to reach storm force at times overnight into Sunday morning. Gusts of around 80 mph are expected together with high seas on exposed coasts. Additionally heavy rain will spread northwards overnight and this rain will turn to sleet and snow at times, especially across Unst, Yell and northern Shetland and hillier locations. The combination of high winds, high seas and wintry conditions will make for very hazardous conditions.
The public should be prepared for continuing disruption to transport.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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